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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

**ABSTRACT**

Please replace the abstract that appears on page 11 of the specification with the following revised abstract which is submitted on a separate sheet.

Abstract

~~The invention relates to an~~ An energy supply unit [(5)] for a measuring device [(1)] for determining and/or monitoring a physical or chemical, process variable of a medium. ~~The invention includes that~~ Included is at least one voltage limiting unit [(10)] and/or at least one current limiting unit [(15)] is provided in the energy supply unit [(5)], wherein the voltage limiting unit [(10)] is embodied in such a manner that arising voltages remain under a value, which leads to an explosion in an explosion-endangered area, and wherein the current limiting unit [(15)] is embodied in such a manner that arising currents and/or heatings associated therewith remain under a value, which leads to an explosion in an explosion-endangered area.